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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 4-11 remain in the application.. Claim 8 has been amended.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner has noted that applicants have not provided a copy of the international application PCT/EP00/02961 as required by the Examiner. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the international application PCT/EP00/02961.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office action, claims 8 and 9 have been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

More specifically, the Examiner has stated that the language is vague enough to be interpreted to mean that the optics are in the region between the passenger and the dashboard. The claim has been amended so as to even further clarify the claim. Therefore, the rejection of claims 8 and 9 is believed to have been overcome.

It is accordingly believed that the specification and the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and

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second paragraphs. Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for cosmetic or clarificatory reasons. The changes are not provided for overcoming the prior art nor for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

It is appreciatively noted from item 4 of the Office action, that claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 10-11 are allowed.

It is appreciatively noted from item 5 that claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action. As noted above claim 8 has been amended so as to even further clarify the claim and overcome the rejection. Therefore, claims 8 and 9 are believed to be allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 8 and 9 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone

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call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

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